

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Congress met at noon Monday.
A big railroad trust has been formed in the east.

Five inches of rain fell at Tombstone within three days last week.

Two St. Louis men have gone crazy over the result of the election.

Powderly was re-elected Grand Master workman of the Knights of Labor.

San Francisco's citizen soldiery gave an elegant reception to General Miles last week.

Fresno, California, shipped fifteen train loads of raisins to the eastern market during the past year.

The "lone highwayman" of Maricopa county and "Jack the Ripper" are gaining about equal notoriety.

San Francisco imported five car loads of dressed turkeys from Kansas City for her Thanksgiving dinner.

Louis Wolfley, of Tucson, is out in a card announcing himself as a candidate for appointment as governor.

The Tombstone Epitaph trusts that the resignation of every democratic government official in Arizona will be dated March 4th, 1891.

Cleveland's message will be looked for as anxiously as his letter of acceptance. It was delivered to congress to-day and will be his last one.

The Phoenix Gazette favors the admission of Arizona as a state. The majority of the citizens of the territory, however, we are inclined to think, are opposed to it.

M. H. De Young, proprietor of the San Francisco Chronicle, is erecting a \$500,000 building on the corner of Kearney and Market streets, San Francisco. The building, when completed, will be an imposing structure ten stories high, or two stories higher than the Palace hotel.

Today after Washington's death the clock in the Masonic lodge of Alexandria, of which he was a member, was set at the hour and minute of his demise. Then the clock was stopped, and it has never been permitted to run nor have the hands been moved since.—Washington Star.

Phenix, not content with the insane asylum, normal school, commissioner of immigration, county seat and unlimited gall, now hankers after the territorial capital, and (on paper) attempts to steal the immigration now pouring into Yuma county. If you want anything else, neighbor, speak and, perhaps(?) you shall receive!

The New York Sun prints an interview with leading democrats of the Grand Army of the Republic in various parts of the country. In the review of these interviews it says the withdrawal of democratic members of the Grand Army of the Republic on the ground that the organization is said to further the ends of the republican party, seems to meet with little sympathy outside of Indiana, where they began.

An exchange says that "the dangers accredited to the solid south, and the ungainly howl about the 'biggers' not being allowed to vote, in the outcome of the south voting the democratic ticket." While the statement is partially true it is somewhat misstated, and it should be said that the fact of the south being solid and voting the democratic ticket is due to the disfranchisement of the colored voter.

There are some departures from former custom connected with the presidential election chosen this year. One is that instead of meeting to cast their votes on the first Wednesday in December, they will perform that act on the first Monday in January. The second change is that the governor of each state must send to the secretary of state at Washington a detailed statement of the votes of the electors, certified by the canvassing board of the state. On the second Wednesday in February the votes of the electors will be counted by the two houses of congress in joint session. These changes in the law were made at the last session of congress.

The inter-state commerce commission has submitted its annual report in which it states that from the best information now available, the railroad mileage of the country on the 30th day of June, 1888, was estimated at 156,781 miles, of which 2,315 miles had been completed and brought into operation within the six months preceding that day. The following summary is made of formal complaints: Of one hundred and seven cases submitted, fifty have been decided, six not yet decided, and nine the hearing is not completed, twenty-three withdrawn or settled, ten suspended by request, nine assigned for hearing.

In an interview with a Washington correspondent Senator Sherman, speaking of the proposed union of Canada and the United States, said: "My belief in the future destiny of the two English speaking nations of America has never wavered. I was led to form it by failure to find a less radical remedy for the perennial disputes between the two countries. The fisheries dispute and the question of the right of free transit of American goods over Canadian railroads are types of the disputes that have vexed both nations for a century, and will continue to disturb them so long as the present conditions exist. To get rid of these questions, we must get rid of the frontier. I studied the proposals for commercial reciprocity only to be convinced that it was illusory and impracticable."

The St. John Herald furnishes the following of the analysis of the various political factions existing in Arizona: "Administration, anti-administration, Zaick, and anti-Zaick; phibetists, and

anti-phibetists; capital movers, and anti-capital movers; county splitters, and anti-county splitters; subdividers, and anti-subdividers; up-hill haulers, and anti-down-hill haulers." It adds that, "in each of these factions will probably be represented in the next legislature, it will be difficult to tell by the more conservative whether another \$100,000 insane asylum will be built, or whether thrice that amount will be appropriated to build a 'pin-head' observatory on the top of Frisco peaks."

The Tucson correspondent of the associated press seems to take great pleasure in telegraphing to the San Francisco papers that Arizona's capital will be removed to Phenix during the coming session of the legislature, that a majority of both houses are already pledged to it. Of course this is only a guess of the correspondent, the wish being the father to the thought in this case. There is no concealing the fact that Phenix wants the capital, and her legislators will, no doubt, do all in their power to secure its removal to that point, in fact this question entered largely into the recent campaign in that county. There are one or two features which may, however, stand in the way of the accomplishment of this object. In the first place the present location of the territorial capital is about as near the geographical center of the territory as can be selected, and with the rapidly increasing population of northern Arizona is not very far from the center of population, and will within a few years occupy that distinction.

In the second place the climate of Prescott, taken all the year around is unsurpassed not only by any place in this territory, but by any place on the continent, being heated by neither the extremes of heat or cold. This is a very important item not only to the territorial officials, who are supposed to reside in the capital, but to all whose business requires them to visit it, especially in summer. Another very important consideration is the matter of distribution of public institutions in the territory. They are pretty well distributed with the exception of Phenix, which has already received more than her full quota. The frontier people are characterized generally for their love of fair play and justice. Phenix has already the insane asylum and a territorial normal school, both built and supported by the territory and her desire to get the capital has a look on the face of it as if her people considered that the only place in Arizona was Sak river valley, and that she wanted to "gobble" up the rest of the territory and locate it there. This will be more prominently considered to be the case when it is understood that in case of success in securing the removal of the capital, her next venture would be to secure the territorial prison. The latter proposition is freely talked now among her citizens and she may eventually decide that she will want the territorial university from Tucson.

With the capital at Prescott, the university at Tucson and the territorial prison at Yuma, a spirit of fairness would dictate that the only removal of any kind would be that of the normal school to either Globe or Florence. Certainly none of the other public institutions should be touched, and we think the good judgment and spirit of fairness that will exist among legislators will look at it in the same light.

In this issue will be found a communication from one of the ablest and most practical mining men that has ever visited this section, in which he expresses his opinion of the mining outlook generally, and of one or two properties particularly, which he has examined. This information, coming from the source it does, from a gentleman who has no interest in any mining, properties here and who, in consequence, could have no motive in making any exaggerated statement, is certainly very encouraging and valuable. The opinion obtained by him has not been formed from either sitting around Prescott talking mines, or from casual visits to the various mining districts, or inspection of samples of ores, but from actual experience in working ore, the writer having been identified with the successful starting of a mining enterprise in the county. He has also visited the properties, of which special mention is made and made a thorough and searching examination of the ore, securing fair average samples, of it, uncolored specimens and had them carefully assayed. This writer's opinion is a corroboration of that of every practical mining man that has visited our mines and has taken the trouble to investigate them. Mining is yet in its infancy in this section and notwithstanding the fact that the past year has witnessed rapid strides in the development of the industry by the large number of mines that have been opened up and the number of mills which have been built and put in successful operation it is safe to say that the year 1889 will by far out rival the results of the present year. Our successes of the present year will still further attract attention and investment during the coming year. It may not result in a boom, and in fact a boom, in the general acceptance of the term, is not desired. We do want, however, to see capital enlisted in the development of our properties containing rich marks and which will return the investors large profits. There are plenty such to be found here.

It may be interesting for the taxpayers to know the occupation of the members who will serve them in the upper branch of the next legislature. To make a summary, there are four mining men, three stockmen, two farmers, one lawyer, one editor and one powder agent and capitalist. Simpson, of Apache, is representative of the Ariz. Cattle company; Rankin, of Gila, and Feltus, of Gila, are also stock-

men; William H. Hardy, of Mohave, is an old-time miner; G. W. Cheney is a mining superintendent in Tombstone; J. H. Hoadley is the engineer of the Biester Consolidated Mining company, and J. M. W. Moore, of Yavapai, is vice president of the Arizona Ore company and Prescott sampling works, and owner of the Amulet mine, one of the best paying properties in Arizona. R. F. Webb and L. H. Orme, of Maricopa, are farmers; Dorrington, of Yuma, is editor of the Yuma Sentinel; Sloan, of Pima, a lawyer; Drake, of Pima, agent for a powder company and a capitalist. The council fully represents the varied interests of Arizona.—Arizona.

Another Fire in the Calumet and Hecla.

A Calumet, Michigan, telegram of November 30th says:

Fire was discovered in the Calumet and Hecla mine this morning. A large party were at work, and the fire made rapid headway. All made a rush for the surface but eight are missing. They are dead, certain. The mine was completely covered with dense smoke, which looks worse than it did the last fire, but being near the surface it is believed the damage financially will not be so great. The company is making desperate efforts to control the flames and rescue the miners, but it looks hopeless. The men are all Cornishmen. The scene about the mine is heartrending. The families of the men are cognizant of the extreme likelihood the men will never come out alive, and to their grief and lamentations are added the most frantic confusion on the part of all except the trained employees of the company.

NEWS, NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Mrs. General Sherman was buried at St. Louis on Saturday.

About one hundred miners are now employed in the Gallup, New Mexico, coal fields.

Mount Rose, California, has lost its cap of snow for the first time within the memory of man.

During October over 40,000 immigrants landed in this country, a falling off of 4,000 from a year ago.

Sam Small remarks that the world prays too much; that if it got half witt it prayed for it wouldn't know what to do with it.

Edward Harrington, M. P., was fined \$2,500 for contempt of court by the Parrell commission, and more evidence of outrages was given.

The Brooklyn bridge is not a bit of a sign for the stockholders, the total profit for the five years of operation being \$1,322,918.01, an average of \$264,343 per annum.

The Astorian states that since the passage of the exclusion act the Chinese servants in Astoria, Or., have become wonderfully independent, and "won't even think of working at the former rate of wages."

The statue of James A. Garfield to be placed in Lakeview cemetery, Cleveland, will be of marble, of heroic size, and will represent him in the act of addressing congress. It is to be completed and unveiled in June next.

The largest professional fee for limited service is said to have been paid to Surgeon Major Freyer, of the Indian medical service, for treating the Nawab of Rampoor for three months' suffering from rheumatic fever. The Nawab gave him a lac of rupees, \$50,000.

There is more beet sugar than cane sugar manufactured and consumed in the world. According to the best estimates the annual products of cane sugar is 5,038,000,000 pounds, and of beet sugar 5,588,000,000 pounds. There is a great future before the beet sugar industry of California.

New Haven, Connecticut, has had a mysterious murder and suicide. John B. King, a law student, was murdered, as was subsequently developed, by George Donovan. Donovan disappeared, and two days later his body was found in the reservoir. The motive for the murder and suicide can not be determined.

A flurry occurred in the Chicago board of trade on receipt of advices from San Francisco that inquiry was being made there for wheat for Australia, on account of the almost total failure of the crop in the southern part of that country. Some weeks ago the commercial papers reported damage to the Australian wheat crop, but this was the first intimation that the damage was serious.



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